

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 791

For the relief of Otto Orenstein.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 1993

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Otto Orenstein.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) Otto Orenstein was born in Austria in July
6 of 1921, but was not recognized as an Austrian citi-
7 zen as a result of his Jewish heritage;

8 (2) Mr. Orenstein arrived in the United States
9 in 1940 and proceeded to Hawaii;

10 (3) Mr. Orenstein filed his declaration to be-
11 come an American citizen in 1940;

1 (4) Mr. Orenstein was arrested as an alien
2 enemy on December 8, 1941;

3 (5) the Board of Officers and Civilians found
4 no evidence discrediting Otto Orenstein's loyalty to
5 the United States or connecting him with subversive
6 activities;

7 (6) the Military Intelligence Bureau did not
8 concur with the findings of the Board of Officers
9 and Civilians and ordered that Otto Orenstein be in-
10 terned;

11 (7) Mr. Orenstein was confined to the Sand Is-
12 land Detention Camp until April 4, 1942, whereupon
13 he was released on parole;

14 (8) Mr. Orenstein was released from parole on
15 November 24, 1943; and

16 (9) as compensation for being interned by the
17 United States Government at the Sand Island De-
18 tention Camp between 1941 and 1942, and subject
19 to conditions of parole between 1942 and 1943, Mr.
20 Orenstein should receive the same amount of com-
21 pensation that eligible interns of Japanese descent
22 are awarded under section 105 of the Civil Liberties
23 Act of 1988 (50 U.S.C. App. 1989b-4).

1 **SEC. 2. SATISFACTION OF CLAIM AGAINST THE UNITED**
2 **STATES.**

3 (a) PAYMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall
4 pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
5 propriated, the sum of \$20,000 to Otto Orenstein.

6 (b) BASIS.—The payment required by subsection (a)
7 shall be in full compensation for any physical, psycho-
8 logical, and economic injuries sustained by Otto Orenstein
9 as a result of being—

10 (1) involuntarily detained at the Sand Island
11 Detention Camp between 1941 and 1942; and

12 (2) subject to conditions of parole between 1942
13 and 1943.

14 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ATTORNEY'S AND AGENT'S FEES.**

15 Not more than 10 percent of the payment specified
16 in section 2 may be paid to or received by any agent or
17 attorney as consideration for any services rendered in con-
18 nection with this Act, notwithstanding any contract which
19 provides otherwise. Violation of this section shall be
20 deemed a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more
21 than \$1,000.

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